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3,927,675	Device for Fragmenting Urinary Calculus	12-23-1975
4,486,680	Ultrasonic Piezoelectric Disintegrator	12-04-1984
4,721,107	Instrument for Ultrasonic Lithotripsy	01-26-1988
4,750,488	Vibration Apparatus Preferably for Endoscopic Ultrasonic Aspirator	06-14-1988
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5,069,664	Intravascular Ultrasonic Angioplasty Probe	12-03-1991
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5,180,363	Operation Device	01-19-1993
5,269,291	Miniature Ultrasonic Transducer for Plaque Ablation	12-14-1993
5,379,546	Thrombolysis Catheter System	01-18-1994
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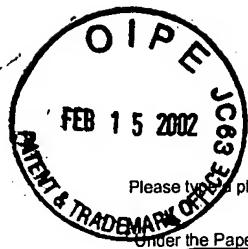
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